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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 mailed October 13, 2005, Applicants submit that the computer-readable form in the instant application is identical with the Sequence Listing filed in Application No. 09/816,028, submitted September 10, 2001. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the last-filed computer-readable form filed in Application No. 09/816,028 as the computer-readable form for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing from Application No. 09/816,028 is submitted herewith. The information in the paper copy of the Sequence Listing is identical to

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that which is in the computer readable form submitted on September 10, 2001, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f).

It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary changes in application number and filing date for the computer-readable form that will be used for the instant application.

Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.